

UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No. MBX 017 CON (2)

First Inventor Gjalt W. Huisman

Title Biological Systems for Manufacture of Polyhydroxyalkanoate
Polymers Containing 4 Hydroxyacids

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 39]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 14]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☒ Paper
- c. ☒ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Items 9 & 10 are copies from
Serial No. 10/006,915

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 10/006,915

Prior application information:

Examiner Charles L. Patterson, Jr.

Art Unit: 1652

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only; The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 385.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Independent	Multiple Dependent					
15	4	-20*	= 0	X 9.00	= 0.00	
		-3**	= 1	X 43.00	= 43.00	
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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For: *BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS FOR MANUFACTURE OF
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE POLYMERS CONTAINING 4-HYDROXYACIDS*

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21(a), as amended by Public Law 97-247, and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(b), Applicants enclose for filing the attached new patent application entitled "*Biological Systems for Manufacture of Polyhydroxyalkanoate Polymers Containing 4-Hydroxyacids*". This application is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 10/006,915 filed November 9, 2001, entitled "*Biological Systems for Manufacture of Polyhydroxyalkanoate Polymers Containing 4-Hydroxyacids*", by Gjalt W. Huisman, Frank A. Skraly, David P. Martin, and Oliver P. Peoples, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/156,809 filed September 18, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,316,262), which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/059,373 file September 19, 1997. The

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application includes 1 page of abstract, 36 pages of specification, 2 pages of claims, 14 sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the executed Declaration for Patent Application from prior application Serial No. 10/006,915.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the copy of the executed Declaration for Patent Application included in the new application is a copy of the executed Declaration filed in parent application Serial No. 10/006,915, to which the new application claims benefit.

The inventorship for the claims in the new application is the same as in parent application Serial No. 10/006,915.

Enclosed are a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement. Please amend the application in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment.

This application contains nucleic acid and/or protein sequences as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. The sequence listing for the new application is identical to the sequence listing for Serial No. 09/156,809, filed September 18, 1998, by Gjalt Huisman, Frank A Skraly, David P. Martin and Oliver P. Peoples. Sequence listings in computer readable form were submitted in application Serial No. 09/156,809 on April 10, 2000. No subsequent sequence listing was submitted. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicants hereby request that the computer readable form of the sequence listing submitted in application Serial No. 09/156,809 on April 10, 2000, be used as the computer readable form of the sequence listing for the new application. The application has a paper copy of the Sequence Listing incorporated therein.

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I declare that the material in the prior sequence listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing present in the new application, that the Sequence Listing does not add new matter to the application, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Enclosed from prior application Serial No. 10/006,915 are copies of the (a) Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest and Revocation of Prior Powers; (b) Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73(b); and (c) Notice of Recordation of Assignment of rights from Gjalt W. Huisman, Frank A. Skraly, David P. Martin, and Oliver P. Peoples to Metabolix, Inc.

Also enclosed are an (a) Application Data Sheet; (b) Utility Patent Application Transmittal; and (c) Fee Transmittal.

This application is entitled to claim small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$428.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1868 to cover the filing fee for a small entity. It is believed that this is the proper filing fee since the application includes 4 independent claims and a total of 13 claims upon entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Patrea L. Pabst.

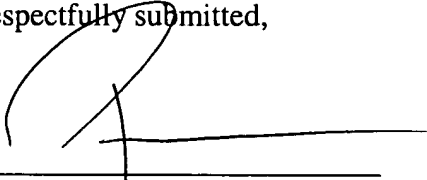
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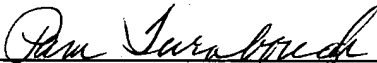
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and any documents referred to as attached or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, February 6, 2004, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Express Mail Label No. EL 717 745 679 US, addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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